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SUBJ: EQUATORIAL GUINEA-GABON BORDER PROBLEM

REF: LIBREVILLE 850, 860 (NOTAL), YAOUNDE 2255

1. CHARGE DISCUSSED EQUATORIAL GUINEA-GABON BORDER PROBLEM AND PRESIDENT BONGO'S SUDDEN TRIP TO CAMEROON WITH FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR BEY-ROZET JULY 9.

2. BEY-ROZET CONFIRMED BONGO HAD GONE TO CAMEROON TO SEEK AHIDJO'S SUPPORT OR MEDIATION IN BORDER DISPUTE. GABONESE MEDIA REPORTS IN PAST TWO DAYS TO EFFECT VISIT CONNECTED WITH UDEAC MATTERS MERELY A COVERUP.

3. OTHERWISE BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY FRONTS REMAIN GENERALLY STATIC. MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL CABINET SENT TO MALABO JULY 7 WITH LETTER FROM BONGO TO MACIAS SAYING BORDER PROBLEM MUST BE SETTLED AND IF IT CANNOT BE DONE AMICABLY GABON WILL  
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4. ON MILITARY FRONT ABOUT TWO COMPANIES EACH OF EQUATORIAL GUINEANS AND GABONESE FACE EACH OTHER ACROSS KYE RIVER. FRENCH AIR GABON PILOT WHO MADE LIBREVILLE-BITAM RUN JULY 8 REPORTED SEEING GABONESE ENGAGED IN PARA DROP EXERCISES BETWEEN BITAM AND EAST BANK OF KYE. MANEUVERS PROBABLY DESIGNED TO SHOW EQUATORIAL GUINEANS GABONESE MEAN BUSINESS.

5. FRENCH NOW THINK MAIN REASON FOR EQUATORIAL GUINEAN BORDER INCURSION IS DESIRE SET UP CHECK POINT ON BANK OF KYE WHICH COULD STEM FLOW OF REFUGEES ACROSS BORDER. IN ANY EVENT MACIAS WILL PROBABLY MAKE EQUATORIAL GUINEAN REFUGEES IN GABON AN ISSUE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS OVER BORDER. HE HAS COMPLAINED TO GABONESE IN PAST ABOUT REFUGEES AS WE NOTE HE HAS TO COMEROON (YAOUNDE REFTEL).  
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